

Daufuskie Island Council Code of Ethics

The Daufuskie Island Council is committed to the highest standards of conduct by and among Council Members in the performance of their public duties. Individual and collective adherence to high ethical standards by Council Members is central to the maintenance of public trust and confidence in this elected body.

While Council Members must agree on the need for proper conduct, they may experience personal conflict or differing views of values or loyalties. In such cases the principles contained in this Code of Ethics provide valuable guidance in reaching decisions, which are governed, ultimately, by the dictates of the individual conscience and his or her commitment to our island community.

Certain of these ethical principles are best expressed as positive statements; actions which should be taken; courses which should be followed; goals which should permeate both public and private conduct. Other principles are expressed as negative statements; actions to be avoided and conduct to be condemned.

The Daufuskie Island Council recognizes that this Code of Ethics should serve as a valuable guide for all Council Members in whom the community has placed its trust.

Ethical Principles

The ethical Council Member shall:

- Promote decisions which only benefit the community.
- Provide opportunities for residents to comment on decisions facing the island.
- Keep all funds safe.
- Conduct and perform the duties of the office diligently, and promptly dispose of the business of Daufuskie Island
- Perform their duties without bias for or against any individual, group or property owner.
- Disclose personal or professional relationships with any company or individual who has or is seeking a business relationship or development on the island.
- Maintain unity of voice, supporting all duly-adopted Council decisions.
- Maintain a positive image to pass constant public scrutiny.

- Maintain a respectful and responsible perspective toward other Council Members and issues before the Council.
- Effectively and efficiently work with governmental agencies, political subdivisions and other organizations to further the interests of the Island.
- Faithfully comply with all laws and regulations applicable to Daufuskie Island.

The ethical Daufuskie Island official should not:

- Engage in outside interests that are not compatible with the impartial and objective performance of his or her duties.
- Improperly influence, or attempt to influence, other officials to act in his or her own benefit.
- Advocate or support any action or activity that violates a law or regulatory requirement.
- Use their positions or decision-making authority for personal gain or to seek advantage over another resident or non-resident property owner.
- Accept anything of value from any source which is offered to influence his or her action as a public official.

Conflict of Interest

The Council's Conflict of Interest policy is designed to foster public confidence in the integrity of the Council and to protect the Council's interests and credibility when it is contemplating taking action on a matter that might financially benefit a Council Member.

Any Council Member who has a financial interest, and/or who has a family member with a financial interest, in business relating to any matter under consideration by the Council shall make known that interest. Further, this Member will refrain from participating in discussions or deliberations and in voting on such matters. This provision also applies to any Council Member who serves in any capacity with a contractor of services under discussion by the Council

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